

Overview: This half term our topic is 'Pirates & Princesses'.

Our Pie Corbett story, that we learn by heart with actions would be Cinderella. At home, it would be really helpful to read a version of Cinderella together, this can be any version you have at home or can access online (see below - Weblinks – Literacy – Reading for a link). Then spend some time talking about the story, asking your child to recall key events and characters. Encouraging them to think what their favourite part was and maybe why.

Please find below a selection of activities that you can choose to work through with your child, remember in Year R we learn best by doing things in active and practical ways and approaching things 'little and often'. In Year R we have plenty of time throughout the day for Child Initiated Learning, where children choose what they are doing and how. We support this learning by chatting with the children and asking about their tasks, we encourage them to go further and ask questions to help them to get there.

Don't forget to share your child's endeavours on Tapestry, we would love to see what they have been keeping busy doing – whether it is from our list of ideas or your own home learning.

Physical Development	Literacy	Literacy	Mathematics	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts
	Reading	Writing	Number	Space, shape & Measure		
<i>Fine motor activities:</i> E.g. Playdough Threading Cutting and sticking	Share stories together.	Letter formation – practise writing any and all letters with care and attention to formation. We have included a letter formation chart using the rhymes we use at school.	Number formation – practise writing numbers carefully. There is a sheet in the 'Download and Print' section, which may be used as a visual for your reference.	Spot 2d shapes in our homes. 'Can you find a square in this room?'	Take pictures of signs of Spring, photograph your finds and upload to Tapestry. You could also paint a picture of the flowers you find.	Create a palace for Cinderella & the Prince to live in using any construction kit e.g. wooden blocks, lego, duplo.
<i>Gross motor activities:</i> E.g. Play catch or football Create an obstacle course Use your bike or scooter	Practise reading all the high frequency words you have had so far.	Speed write – Quick as you can... practise writing any known sounds on whiteboard/paper/ chalks etc	Write & order numbers – Can you make a number line? Write numbers carefully in order...you choose where to stop.	Describe 2d shapes (Square, rectangle, triangle, circle) using 'maths words' e.g. side, corner, straight/curve	Notice different kinds of weather and talk about them. Is there more than one type of weather in a day?	Make a junk model – It could be on topic e.g. a castle, a carriage or anything you can think of – share your creations with us on Tapestry.
Provide bowls of soapy water and encourage the children to help Cinderella with the washing up. They could wash plastic plates and cups in the garden/sink/ bathroom	Practise reading words using the phonics sounds you have had – check on Tapestry to see which sounds your child has already worked on. E.g. ch – chip, chop, chat	Write words using known sounds. E.g. Sh – shop, ship, fish etc...	Count to 20 Provide your child with a group of objects (beads, pencils, lego blocks) and then ask them to 'get' different amounts. E.g. please get me 5, please find 7 etc	Can you measure the feet or shoes of people in your home? Just like Cinderella's shoe fitting! Use uniform sized items – such as lego bricks, cubes, same size buttons, grapes...	Go on a mini beast hunt in your garden, photograph your finds and upload to Tapestry.	Listen to different types of music. What do you notice? What does it make you think of? How could you move to it? Have a go!

			Take care to count accurately.			
Check out Cosmic Kids Yoga or GoNoodle (we have used Fresh Start Fitness in school) on YouTube – see links below	Make a puppet theatre with cardboard boxes or a towel over a chair and encourage your child to make up or retell a story to you (or any willing family members/pets/toys!).	Cinderella and the Prince are having a ball – what food does she need? Can you write a list?	Practise saying one more and one less than a given number. We are aiming for quick recall by the end of the year.	Can you compare the size of objects at home? Find three of something and sort them by size order. E.g. shoes, bowls, spoons	Join in with jobs in the garden. Can you help to plant seeds? What do you notice? Can you hear anything when you are outside? listen really carefully.	Create a picture, using your preferred media, of a castle fit for Prince Charming and Cinderella. You could add some labels or write a sentence about it.
Make a hopscotch grid with chalk and play with your family.	Read a comic with the sound you did today http://phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/comics.html	Write a list of the jobs you need to do before the ball... bake a cake clean the floor, buy some balloons.....	Whilst having dinner talk about halving things, cutting a pizza in half or sharing out the slices. How many pieces will each person get.	Talk about and learn the days of the week. Use the vocabulary of this morning..., this afternoon..., later on..., earlier we.....	Use technology purposefully. Can the children use a CD player to listen to a story CD, use a tablet to play a game, use a home laptop to type?	Make a crown or tiara and decorate it. Take a photo of yourself and share it on tapestry of you in your crown.

If you would like some more fun things to do, please look at the grid below for websites and printable resources that you and your child can work through at your own pace. You may recognise some of these links from the earlier Tapestry post.

	Specific Website links	Download and Print
Physical Development	Cosmic Kids Yoga: https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga Go Noodle – Fresh Start fitness: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=gonoodle+exercise&sp=eAE%253D	Pencil Control Paths – stay in between the lines & then colour afterwards Pencil Control Patterns – follow the path as carefully as you can – why not use some bright colours. Cinderella Mazes – Use a great pencil grip and get through the maze safely!
Literacy Reading	If you are member of a Bucks County Council library, you can access reading materials online: https://buckinghamshire.overdrive.com/library/kids Play Poop Deck Pirates using the correct phonics sounds for your child: https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/poopDeck/index.html Cinderella Story links: https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-5223-cinderella-story-powerpoint http://www.communication4all.co.uk/http/Traditionaltales.htm (scroll to the bottom of the page and look for ‘Story Book PowerPoints’ then click on Cinderella – it will launch a PowerPoint directly from the website. Phonics play comics http://phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/comics.html	There are lots of options on Twinkl (www.twinkl.co.uk) for you to download and print off. Refer to the Tapestry (3 rd April) for guidance as to which set of sound to be working towards, i.e. Phase 2/3/4/5 E.g. ‘ Phase 2 Phonics Activity Booklet ’, ‘ Phase 3 Phonics Activity Booklet ’ and so on... Practise writing labels, lists, sentences, cards, postcards...whatever captures your child’s imagination. Don’t forget that using different things to write with can make it more exciting e.g. biros, felt tips, pencils, chalks etc...

Literacy Writing	Support for signs of Spring... If your view isn't very 'Springy', there is a lovely collection of images here that may help. https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-2545802-signs-of-spring-powerpoint	Letter formation sheet –use our letter formation rhymes to practise the correct way of writing the letters In the Spring I see... What do you notice from your window or garden that tells you that Spring is here? Can you make a list or write a sentence or two to tell us what you have seen?
Maths Number	A weekly set of activities based around a story: https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/ Counting games: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/gingerbread-man-game https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers Number recognition: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/blast-off Adding & Subtracting: https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/puzzles/numberblocks-easy-patterns-quiz?collection=numbers-and-letters https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/puzzles/numberblocks-number-magic-adding-and-subtracting?collection=numbers-and-letters Number bonds – two special numbers that add together to equal a set total: https://www.ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/index.html	Number formation sheet – start at the spot to form numbers carefully Ordering to 20 – Cut and Stick the numbers in the correct order One more & two more withing 10/20 – Help bunny to hop along the number line, one more space at a time or if you would like a challenge, try two more! Number cards 0-20 – Print your own set of number cards to create number challenges with. Make a number line, hide some numbers – which ones are missing? Say the number you see (flashcard style). Can you say the numbers forwards and backwards in correct order? Subtraction Squish – A great game to play, but there's no need to print this one if you don't want to, just have a look to see what to do!
Maths SSM	Shape Monsters: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters	2D Shape castles – Carefully colour and cut and stick the shapes to create a castle Shape search- look carefully at the pictures. How many shapes are hiding within? Don't get tricked!
Understanding the World	Program the BeeBot to reach a desired location: https://www.terrapiinlogo.com/emu/beebot.html	Minibeast hunt sheet – who can you find lurking near you home?
Expressive arts	Go on a musical journey with Melody and see what she can hear in the different songs she listens to: https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/melody https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b05mrjzm/melody	Design a coat of arms shield – Design a coat of arms fit for a Prince or Princess. Think about your favourite things and try and incorporate them into a shield design.

All Areas	Twinkl Home Learning hub – an ideal place to start. Daily updates and resource links and ideas make this very busy website a little easier to navigate. https://www.twinkl.co.uk/home-learning-hub General games to support using ICT and home learning: https://www.crickweb.co.uk/ https://www.ictgames.com/ https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/ (Cbeebies – games)	
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